

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the "RELATED APPLICATION DATA" section with the following replacement section.

RELATED APPLICATION DATA

This application is a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/414,954, filed April 16, 2003 (now abandoned), which is a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 9/331,948, filed July 7, 1999 (now U.S. Patent 6,551,801), which is a 35 U.S.C. §371 national stage filing of PCT/JP97/04784, filed December 24, 1997, ~~and~~ U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/414,954, is also a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/048,458, filed February 6, 2002 (now U.S. Patent 6,972,231), which is a 35 U.S.C. §371 national stage filing of PCT/EP00/07600, filed August 4, 2000, ~~and~~ U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/414,954, is also a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/[[,]]701,121, filed November 20, 2000 (now abandoned) which is a 35 U.S.C. §371 national stage filing of PCT/IB99/00866, filed May 14, 1999[[,]]. The entire contents of ~~which~~ the related applications are hereby incorporated by reference.